

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 have been canceled.

Claims 30-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 30-31 have been amended so that they recite "vitamin" instead of "multivitamin", which had no antecedent basis.

Claims 30-32 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steiner, a reference that teaches the effect of vitamin E and aspirin on platelet function. Pursuant to a phone interview with the Examiner on July 15, 2005, Applicant has amended the claims to remove vitamin E. The Steiner article does not teach combining aspirin with niacin, vitamin C or B6, so the claims are patentable over the Steiner reference.

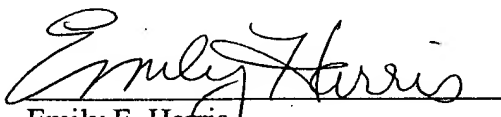
Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that its claims are in condition for allowance at this time. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and passage to allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney at (515) 288-2500 to discuss the claims in an effort to reach a mutual agreement with respect to claim limitations in the present application which will be effective to define the patentable subject matter if the present claims are not deemed adequate for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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